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Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C70
Serial No.: 09/989,731 Group Art Unit: 1647
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 13, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for the response. Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement with necessary fees.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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November/1999 reference as well. If necessary, a Declaration can be submitted to reiterate this point.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the above cited art are not prior art and this rejection should be withdrawn.

The present application is believed to be in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and an early action to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (Attorney Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C70). Please direct any calls in connection with this application to the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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